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SUBJECT: HAITI FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO EXERCISE GREATER
SCRUTINY IN DEALING WITH IRANIAN ENTITIES

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1.(U) Reftel points were discussed November 6 and November 16 with Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director of Economic Affairs and Cooperation Christian Toussaint. Toussaint said the Government of Haiti (GoH) cooperates actively with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). Haiti's Central Bank and the Ministry of Economics and Finance's financial intelligence unit, the Central Unit for Financial Information (French acronym UCREF), work closely with the FATF. This cooperation was important to realize GoH objectives to fight corruption, money-laundering and terrorist financing.

2.(U) Toussaint said that since year 2002, Haiti has circulated the list of terrorists and terrorist organizations identified in UN Security Council Resolution 1267. The list is ''always'' passed to the Ministry of Economics and Finance for tracking, he added.

3.(U) Toussaint said he would communicate the necessity of greater scrutiny of transactions involving Iran or Iranian entities to the GoH institutions noted above. However, he was certain there was minimal Iranian activity in Haiti's economy and financial institutions.

4.(U) Toussaint acknowledged that GoH institutional weaknesses made it difficult to track illicit funds and contraband and therefore appreciated FATF advisories as important to help ensure greater vigilance by Haiti's financial institutions in tracking suspect activities of all kinds.

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